

Public TV Filming Micronesia Show

MAJURO (MNS)—A four-man film production unit from the University of Georgia began a tour of the Trust Territory last week to produce a documentary film about Micronesia for use on educational television stations in the United States next year.

The five-week tour is funded by a community service grant from the U.S. Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The 90-minute film will be shown next year on some 240 educational stations in the U.S., including those on Guam and in American Samoa.

The crew is headed by Hill Bermont, program director for the University of Georgia educational television station, WGTV. The team arrived in the Marshalls on Oct. 25, and will proceed from there to Ponape, Truk, the Marianas, Palau and Yap, concluding at the end of this month.

Bermont said that in addition to the district centers, several other islands in the territory are to be visited. The crew left Majuro for a Marshalls

field trip to Kili, Kwajalein/Ebeye and Bikini on Monday. Also planned are trips to Lagoon Islands in Truk, Tinian and Pagan in the Marianas and villages on Babelthuap in Palau. Bermont also indicated that if arrangements can be worked out, the team would also like to visit Ulithi atoll in Yap District.

Preparations for the trip have been underway for several months since initial contacts with officials of the Office of Territorial Affairs at the Department of the Interior in Washington last June. Others besides Bermont in the crew are production assistant David Fischer, photographer John Packwood and sound technician Steve Cheatham.